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Louisville, Ky ., August 6, 1872.

Dear Sir :—Will you be kind enough to place this circular in the hands of active Democrats in your county, who will at once commence an organization for the purpose of supporting the principles of our party, as they will be proclaimed by the Convention at Louisville, September 3d.

The utter abandonment of principles, as evinced by the coalition between the spoilsmen and place-hunters, in their attempt to elevate Horace Greeley to the Presidency, is a sad evidence of the demoralization and corruption now existing in our midst; and based as that bargain is upon fraud and hypocrisy, the utterance of one set of sentiments in the North, and another in the South, it must be repudiated and spurned by every man who has a spark of honesty in his heart. There are hundreds of thousands who already proclaim their purposes of maintaining the Democratic organization at all hazards. The disintegration of the radical party into two factions renders it self-evident that the Democratic masses can elect one of their own faith instead of a life-long enemy like Greeley, who still loudly asserts that he has never abandoned his principles, and points proudly yet to his record. And such a record! Can Democrats, who have boasted that they support “principles, not men,” agree to falsify their past life by clasping hands with the worst men of the radical party—Sumner, Schurz, Trumbull, Fenton, and the thousand and one other leaders who rally around Greeley, and would control his administration, if his election can be secured? Who are the men that thus seek for the highest honors and emoluments of this country, and who have obtained the support of the trading politicians of the Tammany school by a promise of dividing the spoils? Without exception they are the bigots, whose bitterness has been evinced for the past twenty years in defamation of their opponents. They are the men who have uttered the most unchristian, the most ferocious, the most villainous sentiments about and against the Southern people, (women and children, as well as men,) during and since the war, and who have done most to develop and pass that legislation since the war which true Democrats denounce as subversive of liberty, and against the spirit of our institutions. They are the men who have riveted the South in its chains, and burdened it with its increased debts, the proceeds of which have gone into the pockets of the select few, who have fattened upon the misfortunes of the people, and who turn to the new ring and the Tammany alliance in order still further to enrich and ennoble themselves.

Warmoth, who has increased the debt of Louisiana 45 millions in three years, whose fraudulent acts and villainous State legislation have been denounced in the Democratic papers from Maine to Texas, is the leader *par excellence* of the chivalry of the South! His influence at Cincinnati, and the 16 votes of his delegation, insured the nomination of Greeley, and yet we are coolly informed that the people

have done it with enthusiasm! Warmoth can control the registry in Louisiana, and can elect by fraud such candidates as he pleases; just as the mayor of New York has the deciding vote in appointing all the return officers for Mr. Greeley; and who can, if not checked, carry out the open assertions of 80,000 majority in November. And Augustus Schell and others have written urgent letters for the "good of the cause," that the Louisiana Democrats should work in harmony with Warmoth! And it is boldly proposed to place him in the United States Senate as a reward for his infamy!

Can it be that the people are so degraded as thus to sanction a premium for their own dishonor? Is our body politic to be inoculated with the base poison of fraud? Is this a better method of securing our liberties than the partisan use of those laws which were originated by the prominent leaders of Mr. Greeley's party, and placed among our statutes to be enforced by the bayonets of the present administration? Shall we suffer our liberties to perish, either by slow poison or by the sword; or, preferring rather to maintain them, and to ensure free expression of the popular will, shall we not make war against all parties which attempt to prevent the Constitution? Can the people of the South clasp hands with those men who have wronged them from the termination of the war? Can Northern men condone such offenses by placing them in power?

In Texas to reinstate Governor Pease, whose arbitrary course was so nobly rebuked and thwarted by the statesman like, generous acts of Hancock; in Arkansas, to endorse Senator Rice, who was the first to concoct and to carry out those frauds, by which a radical legislature was installed in power and the infamous despotism which disgraces that State, was brought into being, in Missouri, to load with honors, Brown, who in August, 1863, out Herod for disfranchisement and persecution, and recanted only when office was to be obtained, and future plunder was in view; Blair, who came into the party to destroy it, and nobly has fulfilled his mission, Schurz, who loudest of all would sweep the South with the besom of destruction, and 3 viewed the election of a Democrat as the worst calamity to befall the country, only six months ago; McNeill, the butcher of un-armed prisoners; in Kentucky, Burbridge, the most detested of all its citizens; in Georgia, Brown, who as an official during the war and since, under the corrupt administration of Bullock, which plundered the State of many millions, has been and is accused of using his official station for private gain; in Alabama, Warner, who never neglected to carry out the most unrelenting crusades while the pay of office rewarded his efforts;—these and such men, whose antecedents are too well and too disgracefully known, are to be the Southern leaders, in conjunction with those selected politicians who, a year ago, denounced them as the most unscrupulous scoundrels.

If the fraudulent bargains are faithfully executed by the selected chieftain of the clan, cannot be the people truthfully say PAR NOBILE FRATRUM, LATRONES AMBO?

In the North the leaders of this movement are known to be incited by jealousy, rage, and revenge because of their failure to receive the dispensing of patronage from the Government; and yet they dare to sail under a flag upon which they emblazon Honesty! The entire coalition is a rope of sand, with no cohesive power but that of plumer in perspective. The people have always, and in all countries, placed the stamp of their condemnation upon similar bargains. They will do it again. The only precedent in history for the immediate selection of a deserter as commander-in-chief, is that of Coriolanus; and for Democrats the comparison is unfortunate; Coriolanus betrayed his army and spared Rome when she was prostrate at his feet. So Mr. Greeley, with Sumner and other champions of negro social equality, (re-endorsed with emphasis since his nomination,) truculent advisers of centralization and tyrannical oppression of their adversaries, uncompromising enemies of that Constitution, which to them is "a league with hell and a covenant with death," ready to do anything for place and power, will unscrupulously betray their followers, if necessary, for their own advancement, even in the hour of victory.

Political parties are necessities for the welfare of a country, provided they advocate fixed doctrines, and present them to the people for their decision. Our party is the party of the future. It will be fixed as a rock in its principles. Its honesty of purpose will attract the support of the masses, and its future will be crowned with success. The two radical factions which are now fighting each other for the offices, are actuated by considerations of individual aggrandizement. The leaders of each have vied in efforts to legislate for the black race alone, and to elevate them too suddenly into a controlling position, which education and time can only fit them for.

The interests of the white race, that vast majority of our citizens 4 who earn their living by the honest sweat of the brow, have been wilfully neglected, and their just claims ignored. Demagogues have excited the passions of the ignorant, and politicians have secured their services without any return.

It should be the duty of our party to wisely legislate for the benefit of the laboring classes—educating, elevating, and ameliorating their condition—rejecting and refuting the fanatical doctrines taught by professed friends, who are yet their worst enemies; and by demonstrating that we are the firm friends, and faithful in our professions; secure their powerful co-operation in the support of law and order; integrity in every sphere of society; a restoration of fraternal feeling between the people of all the States, and an unparalleled prosperity under the Constitution truly interpreted and justly executed.

The committee recommends an immediate appointment in every county, of a committee of five or more, the chairmen of which shall constitute the district committees; that Congressional district conventions shall be assembled on or before the 25th day of August, to select two delegates and two

alternates from each district, and that full delegations from each State and shall certainly be present on the 3d of September.

Correspondence from true Democrats is solicited from every county.

For the Executive Committee:

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